

# Sylvia's Husband | Mrs. Burton Harrison | 1904 | D. Appleton & Company, 1904

The book, which drew a sometimes loving picture of a brilliant but emotionally unstable woman with a passion for suicide that seemed hard-wired into her very being, was widely praised. Friends of Mr. Hughes saw it as a vindication of a man who had lived for decades in the shadow of his far more famous wife, taking on a guilt that should not have been his. Plath found the Devon countryside, which her husband loved, heartless, bleak and uninviting. In *The Silent Woman*, Janet Malcolm examines the biographies of Sylvia Plath to create a book not about Plath's life but about her afterlife: how her estranged husband, the poet Ted Hughes, as executor of her estate, tried to serve two masters--Plath's art and his own need for privacy; and how it fell to his sister, Olwyn Hughes, as literary agent for the estate, to protect him by limiting access to Plath's work. Even as Malcolm brings her skepticism to bear on the claims of biography to present the truth His first book, *Sylvia Queen of the Headhunters*, was a runner-up for the Biographers' Club Prize; his second, *Prince Philip*, became a Sunday Times bestseller. He lives in London. Related authors. A rich semi-invalid, Lady Ripon shared her husband's radical Whig views and their combined influence persuaded Reggie to reject his father's Toryism and eventually throw in his lot with the Liberals. *Sylvia's Books*. 97 likes. Author of a page-turning romantic adventure set in a time where life was simpler yet more challenging! *Reviving Joy* is a novel... I came down with a nasty cold last week. Don't worry I am staying home and keeping it to myself. In the meantime, a friend has delivered groceries to my house, my boss is encouraging me to work from home and my wonderful husband is taking good care of me - from a distance of course. I am blessed. < 3 I want to encourage you - even if you just have the sniffles - STAY HOME!